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### II. Power to Require License

#### B. Police Power

## § 10. Activities which state may prohibit

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#### West's Key Number Digest

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[Validity, construction, and application of state laws imposing tax or license fee on possession, sale, or the like, of illegal narcotics, 12 A.L.R.5th 89](#)

Whatever a state may forbid or regulate, it may permit upon condition that a fee be paid in return for the privilege, and such fee may be exacted to discourage the prosecution of a business or to adjust competitive or economic inequalities.<sup>1</sup> However, licensing schemes do not render legal products or devices that are illegal under other provisions of state law.<sup>2</sup>

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#### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> [Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. v. Grosjean, 301 U.S. 412, 57 S. Ct. 772, 81 L. Ed. 1193, 112 A.L.R. 293 \(1937\).](#)

<sup>2</sup> [State v. One Coin-Operated Video Game Mach., 321 S.C. 176, 467 S.E.2d 443 \(1996\).](#)

